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What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for managing a gas station supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:
 - 3 a) receiving data from a plurality of gas station outlets of a gas station supply chain
4 utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of gas station goods and services
5 by the gas station outlets;
 - 6 b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering gas station
7 goods and services from a gas station distributor of the gas station supply chain;
 - 8 c) transmitting the data to the gas station distributor of the gas station supply chain
9 utilizing the network;
 - 10 d) transmitting the data to a gas station supplier of the gas station supply chain
11 utilizing the network; and
 - 12 e) forecasting activity in the gas station supply chain utilizing the data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 gas station distributors and gas station suppliers.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the gas station
2 outlets, the gas station distributor, the gas station supplier via a network-based
3 interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the gas station distributor
2 and the gas station supplier only after verification of an identity thereof.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the gas station outlets, the gas station distributor,
2 and the gas station supplier each forecast utilizing the data.
- 1 7. A system for managing a gas station supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:
2 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of gas station outlets of a gas station
3 supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of gas station by the
4 gas station outlets;
5 b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering gas
6 station goods and services from a gas station distributor of the gas station supply
7 chain;
8 c) logic for transmitting the data to the gas station distributor of the gas station
9 supply chain utilizing the network;
10 d) logic for transmitting the data to a gas station supplier of the gas station supply
11 chain utilizing the network; and
12 e) logic for forecasting activity in the gas station supply chain utilizing the data.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 gas station distributors and gas station suppliers.
- 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the gas station
2 outlets, the gas station distributor, the gas station supplier via a network-based
3 interface.
- 1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the gas station distributor
2 and the gas station supplier only after verification of an identity thereof.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the gas station outlets, the gas station distributor,
2 and the gas station supplier each forecast utilizing the data.

1 13. A computer program product for managing a gas station supply chain utilizing a
2 network, comprising:
3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of gas station outlets of a gas
4 station supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of gas station
5 by the gas station outlets;
6 b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for
7 ordering gas station goods and services from a gas station distributor of the gas
8 station supply chain;
9 c) computer code for transmitting the data to the gas station distributor of the gas
10 station supply chain utilizing the network;
11 d) computer code for transmitting the data to a gas station supplier of the gas station
12 supply chain utilizing the network; and
13 e) computer code for forecasting activity in the gas station supply chain utilizing the
14 data.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match
2 each of a plurality of gas station distributors and gas station suppliers.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible
2 to the gas station outlets, the gas station distributor, the gas station supplier via a
3 network-based interface.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the
2 gas station distributor and the gas station supplier only after verification of an
3 identity thereof.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the gas station outlets, the
2 gas station distributor, and the gas station supplier each forecast utilizing the data.

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